

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Rosary Dennis Titzer

Gifts Audrey Spindler & Bailey Spindler

Sacristan Melvin Ziliak

Cantor Sarah & Maci Spindler

Greeters Mary McKinney & Vicki Page

Lector Dennis Titzer

Servers Anthony Gress & Cole Phillips

Money Counters Camy Davis

James Silva

EM to Homebound Terri Ziliak

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Rosary Lori Spindler

Gifts Abby & Brian Heichelbech

Sacristan Bernie Spindler

Cantor Sarah Reising

Greeters K of C

Lector Michael Smith

Servers Teddy O'Connor, Molly Schnarr

Money Counters Melvin Ziliak

Holly Heichelbech

Traveling Chalice Mike & Brenda Smith

EM to Homebound Terri Ziliak

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 12 - 11:30 a.m.

+ Victor Fuhs Family

Thursday, February 16 - 6:00 p.m.

+ Jack & Betty Purkiser

Sunday, February 19 - 11:30 a.m.

+ Al & Mary Reising &

Henry & Bridget Reising

Stewardship of Treasure	
February 5 Collection	\$1,745.00
Needed for weekly budget	\$1,804.98
Variance for February 5	(\$59.98)
YTD Collection	\$66,202.95
Needed to meet budget	\$57,759.36
YTD Variance	\$8,443.59
Children's Collection	\$6.00

Thank You!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In just over a week, Holy Mother Church will invite us into the Lenten journey once again. As we know, the Bible is full of numbers of symbolic significance. 40 days of rain during the flood. 40 years wandering in the desert. 40 days being tempted by the devil. But what does this all mean? Forty is the number signifying purification.

The question is always of course, from what do we need to be purified? The People of God were made to wander in the deserts of Sinai for 40 years before being allowed to enter the Promised Land. This was to purify them of their idolatry and distrust of the power and love of God to protect and provide for them. Many were not confident that God could allow them to conquer the mighty nations that occupied what would eventually become Israel. Because of their lack of faith, he allowed them to have to depend totally on Him and the manna and springs that He would provide for them. Thus a new generation of people would learn to trust the Lord in all things and love Him above all else.

As we go through this next week before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, let us really ponder what idols or ways of seeking comfort we tend to run to rather than to God. Idolatry is so much more than carving and worshiping literal idols. Idols are sneaky. They are the lesser things that we make our god when we often do not even realize we are doing so. Our idols can be nearly anything. Maybe they are relationships. Maybe they are the schedule by which we have tended to live our lives. Perhaps they are our material possessions or even homes. Perhaps they are the work that we do, recreation, booze, sex, or any of those things. Perhaps it is our phone, computer, or social media. Essentially anything can be an idol.

So how can I tell if I am idolizing something? One sure sign is if we tend to run to some thing or behavior for soothing or relief instead of turning first to God in our hearts in prayer. Of all the things God was angriest about in the Old Testament, idolatry was at the top of the list. God wants to be our all-in-all, because He knows that only He can be our all-in-all. Everything else in our lives is only meant to point us to Him.

I distinctly remember John Muir, a seminarian (now a priest) for the Diocese of Phoenix who was a couple years ahead of me once wrote a humorous song titled Shoot Your Cows. The point of it is that once we figure out that we have a kind of 'golden calf' in our lives that ends up not bringing us closer to God, but keeping us from Him, we have to discard it. We at least need to hand that thing, person, or behavior over to God in prayer and perhaps the confessional and ask Him to make it less in our hearts. Often the only real option is to root it out of our lives entirely. We should always be willing to put God first, and if we are too weak to do so, give Him the permission to take from us what we cannot give up on our own. Let us do this last preparation for Lent with intention and fervor!

Blessings in the Lord our God,
-Fr. Chris

ST. BERNARD PARISH NEWS

This Week

Wednesday (2/15) Religious Education for All Grades

Thursday (2/16) Mass followed by The Chosen in the School Hall

Sunday (2/19) Soup and Dessert Luncheon After Mass



Chicken Dinner Meeting: There will be an important meeting for **All Men and Women** of the parish on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6:30 pm in the school hall to discuss the current Chicken Dinner. Now is your chance to bring any ideas you might like to suggest regarding the current dinner such as food menu, games for both young and old, raffle, changes to ways stations are set up etc. We will vote on the meat that will be served at the social. If you have any questions, please contact Libby Ivy.

ASH WEDNESDAY—Wednesday, February 22
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. followed by Mass at St. Bernard at 7:15 pm for Ash Wednesday.
Holy Cross - 8:15 am; Sts. Peter & Paul - 5:45 am, 8:00 am, 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross
We will again be having the Stations of the Cross on Thursday evenings after Mass during Lent. If you would like to lead one of the evenings, please let Terri know.

Liturgy Schedule
Sarah will be working on the next schedule. Please let her know asap if you would like to be added to a ministry or need changes for the next schedule.

Card Shower
Help Tony Sevier celebrate his 80th birthday by sending him a birthday card - 7744 S 550 E Fort Branch, IN 47648. His birthday is this Wednesday, February 15th. Thank you!!



New Mass Time
Beginning February 26, our Mass time at St. Bernard will be changed to 11:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Beginning that weekend confessions will only be heard on Thursday evenings from 5:15 to 6 p.m.

Parish Council Minutes
Copies of the February Parish Council Meeting minutes can be found in the back of church.

Altar Society Luncheon - You are Invited!
Please join us for a carry-in luncheon on Sunday, February 19, after Mass. Please sign up in the back of church **TODAY** to bring in your favorite soup or dessert! If you have any questions, text Libby at 812-215-0298.

February Church Cleaners
Jenny Fuhs, Madison Fuhs, Terry Fuhs, Karen Jennings, Jan Schmitt
**Instructions on how to clean the floor are hanging behind the Altar

ST. MARIA GORETTI NEWS

Upcoming Youth Events

Feb. 18 – MS Swonder Ice Skating
Feb. 19 – Bingo w/ Elderly
Feb. 19 – Girl Time

Feb. 19 – Boys Open Gym
Feb. 19 – HS RockLife
Feb. 24 – MS Lent Night
Feb. 25 – HS Paoli Ski trip



UPDATE: Paoli Peaks Ski Trip for HS

**Due to recent lack of snow making conditions, we're still waiting for Paoli to open up. Our reschedule date is Sat. Feb. 25th. We'll meet at 10:00 am at Sts. Peter & Paul and return around 10:00pm. Cost is \$90 per person, or only \$60 if you don't need to rent ski equipment. We will take our mini-bus but may need another adult driver if we have more than 15 people. Turn in your diocesan event waiver and payment to reserve your spot! (checks written to Sts. P&P) Waivers are in the back of each parish. Please bring spending money for food.*

MS Swonder Ice Skating

On Sat. Feb. 18th all middle school youth are invited to go ice skating at Swonder along with multiple diocesan youth ministries. We have the whole rink rented out! We'll meet at Sts. P&P at 3:00pm and arrive back around 7:00pm. Cost is \$10 per person. Please turn in both Event & Medical waivers and payment to parish office by Wed. Feb. 15th.

Girl Time grades 6-12

All girls in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for the next Girl Time coming up on Feb. 19th in the youth room at Sts. Peter & Paul from 4:00-5:30pm. This time we'll have a movie and popcorn! More details to come for following dates. Bring a waiver and a friend!

MS Friday Night Lent Series

All middle school youth are invited to join us 3 Fridays during Lent. This is a great way for them to draw nearer to God during the Lenten season! We'll have cheese pizzas and social time as well! Join us in the youth room at Sts. P&P beginning Friday, February 24th from 7-9pm (and continuing Fridays: March 10th & 24th). Bring a friend and your waiver! (Put all 3 dates on the same waiver!)

HS Summer Conferences – One Bread One Cup, Notre Dame Vision, MDI @ Marian

1) St. Meinrad's One Bread, One Cup focuses more on developing the youth's gifts to serve in the liturgy at Mass like being a Eucharistic minister, cantor, lector, etc. It helps the youth know that they ARE part of the Church and gives them ownership and purpose in the Body of Christ!

2) Notre Dame Vision is a leadership conference that helps develop the faith and gifts of high school youth to imitate the lives of Jesus Christ and the Saints in our current culture.

3) Marian's Missionary Disciples Institute at Marian Univ. (MDI) is a smaller, more immersive experience that prepares high school students to be young missionaries who serve their communities and impact the world through the local church.

**We plan to keep the cost of all 3 conferences at \$100 for each youth (we have scholarship money, donations, and fundraising options to help subsidize). Please contact Bryan if interested or for information at 664-7992 or bmacke@evdio.org.*

UPCOMING—COMMUNITY EVENTS

–**K of C** - Starting on Feb 23rd and every Thursday ending on March 30th. We will meet at the Haubstadt Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm each Thursday of Lent. We will show videos each Thurs. and have discussion afterwards. Snacks provided and the bar will be open after. Open to all men and their sons members or non members of K of C of Haubstadt.

–**Haubstadt Daughters of Isabella Spaghetti Supper** on Saturday, February 18 from 5-7 pm \$10 Adults, \$5 children. Eat in or carry out available.



MASS SCHEDULE - ST. BERNARD

Sunday - 11:30 a.m.
Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE - ST. JOHN (DAYLIGHT)

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 6:45 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday - 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday - 8:00 a.m.
Friday - 9:00 a.m.



Saint Valentine kneeling in supplication, painting by David Teniers III, 1677 CE.

Welcome to St. Bernard A Catholic Community Since 1877

5342 E. State Road 168
Fort Branch, IN 47648

Pastor: Fr. Chris Forler

Deacons: Vince Bernardin, Richard Leibundguth
Lonny Davis

Catechetical Leader: Rose Obert

Office Managers: Lori Spindler/Terri Ziliak

Maintenance: Jeff Meny (812-385-6861)

Parish Council President: Dennis Gress

Altar Society President: Libby Ivy

School Hall Rental: Terri Ziliak/Lori Spindler

Table & Chair Rental: Jeff & Tammy Meny

Parish Website: stbernardsnakerun.org

Parish Office: 812-753-4568

Sacraments:

Adoration: First Friday of each month 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Thursday evening
& Sunday morning Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism: Must sign up for Baptismal Class.
Call the parish office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the parish office at least six
months in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick: Administered by appointment.



Our parish invites you to join our church family! All new parishioners can register by emailing lsindler@evdio.org or calling the parish office!

PRAYER LIST

Kenny & Marcia Reising, Jim Lubbers, Ralph Elpers, Crystal Williamson, Diane Denton, Ace Turner, Gerald Allen, Julia Market, Frankie Rynkiewicz, Tony Sevier, Dana Seninger, Diane Gress, Herb Bethe, Greg Obert, Doris Hagedorn, Gretchen Young, Peach family, Leroy Seib, Stephanie Meny, Mike Folsom, Marge Weber, Steve Obert, Brenda Ankenbrand, Graham Hosman

Please call Terri to add or remove someone 677-0511. Please help up to keep this list up to date. Let us know when someone can come off the list. Thank you

February 12, 2023 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time